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TO: Executive Policy Team
Administrative Management Team
Wardens

FROM: Daniel H. Heyns, Director

SUBJECT: PD 05.03.150 "Religious Beliefs and Practices of Prisoners"

SUPERSEDES DOM 2012 - 31 (effective 9/31/12)

Pursuant to Paragraph VV of PD 05.03.150, a prisoner's approval to eat meals prepared from a religious menu is to be rescinded if the prisoner eats, or has in his/her possession, any food item that violates a tenet of the prisoner's designated religion. That paragraph also sets forth when a prisoner who has had that approval rescinded may reapply to eat meals from the religious menu.

Effective September 31, 2012, Paragraph VV was revised to read as follows:

"A prisoner approved to eat meals prepared from a religious menu who is found at an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to Administrative Rule 791.3310 to either have possessed or consumed food that violates a tenet of his/her designated religion shall be referred to the institutional chaplain to discuss the matter and be counseled on how to conform his/her conduct to religious dietary requirements. The chaplain shall document the counseling in writing. If, subsequent to this counseling, the prisoner is found at an administrative hearing to have again possessed or consumed food that violates a tenet of his/her designated religion, the prisoner's approval to eat meals prepared from a religious menu shall be rescinded. The prisoner may apply for reinstatement no sooner than 60 calendar days after the approval is rescinded the first time and no sooner than one year after approval is rescinded a second time. A prisoner who has approval rescinded three or more times must appeal to the CFA Deputy Director for reinstatement."

This language will be incorporated into PD 05.03.150 when it is next revised.